

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Second Middlesex Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2002.

Residents of Second Middlesex Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2002, there were 124,539 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; less than one percent (347) of these admissions reside in the Second Middlesex Representative District. 9% (31) of admissions from the Second Middlesex Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2002, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Second Middlesex Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 74% were male and 26% were female.
- 51% were between the ages of 21-39.
- 95% were white non-Latino, 3% were Latino, and 3% were other racial categories.
- 63% were never married, 17% were married, and 20% reported not to be married now.
- 26% had less than high school education, 45% completed high school, and 29% had more than high school education.
- 42% were employed.
- 4% were homeless.
- 29% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Second Middlesex Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2002					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	60%	25%	10%	1%	0%
State	45%	37%	6%	4%	3%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2							
Annual Admissions by Substance Used: FY 1995 – FY 2002							
Second Middlesex Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	282	256	81	57	49	43	31
FY '96	286	248	95	58	49	60	44
FY '97	294	252	79	55	36	73	56
FY '98	351	272	115	82	58	129	91
FY '99	394	303	162	95	46	158	127
FY '00	381	303	134	71	28	139	111
FY '01	417	319	151	85	40	130	98
FY '02	347	269	110	64	19	102	71